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Clean up of hazardous trailer under way

SALAMANCA — Clean up is under way on a Rochester Street trailer containing potentially hazardous materials.

City officials received a report April 14 of fumes emanating from the rear of the trailer as well as liquid material leaking. The trailer is parked on a vacant lot.

The Cattaraugus County Hazardous Materials Team was contacted and, in turn, called in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, which has been

ous materials.

According to a press release issued Monday by the Mayor's Office, the trailer was found to contain several 55-gallon drums and five-gallon containers of potentially-hazardous materials. Hazardous materials were also discovered in a privately-owned building in a residential area. Neither the residence nor the occupant of the residence were identified.

Mayor J. Stephen Montgomery explained that little specific information is being released so as not to hinder the ongoing in-

"As a retired police officer, I understand and I don't want to do anything to compromise the investigation. The EPA is the lead agency on this — we'll release information as soon as we can. We want to the best for all concerned," he told the Press.

The mayor added, "We're glad this is being cleaned up. This is one of the worst hazardous conditions we've seen in the city. We don't need this and the Seneca Nation doesn't need this. We're all cooperating on this and we expect the cleanup should be completed this week."